Sl. No.	Name of the Districts	No. of TB cases
16.	Rajkot	2872
17.	Sabar Kantha	3382
18.	Surat (Rural)	914
19.	Surat MC	1042
20.	Surendra Nagar (Limbdi)	123
21.	Vadodara (Rural)	920
22.	Vadodara Corp.	1063
23.	Vyara	1451
24.	Dangs	27
25.	Kuchchh	619

Arrests in connection with admission in MS and MD Examination of AIIMS

†3499. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Crime Branch of Delhi Police has recently arrested some people assuring guaranteed admissions in MS and MD Examination conducted by All India Institute of Medical Sciences on 6th January, 2002;

(b) if so, whether papers of the said examination got leaked prior to the examination; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government to check such activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) conducts an All India P.G. Entrance Examination for admission to 25 per cent open merit seats in medical and dental colleges in the country. On an anonymous complaint about the alleged leakage of question papers on the eve of examination for a consideration by certain unscrupulous elements, the AIIMS lodged a complaint with the Delhi Police in January, 2002. The Delhi Police in cooperation with AIIMS acted promptly and apprehended some people alleged to have been involved in the affair. The Delhi Police is currently investigating the matter. However, as the complaints

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continued to come from various quarters, the competent authority in the Deptt. of Health had requested the CBI for a thorough investigation and asked for completion of the investigation within a period of one month. The CBI has since informed that as the Delhi Police are already investigating the matter, they do not have jurisdiction to take up investigation of the case.

(c) The All India Institute of Medical Sciences is taking all possible safeguards to the safety of question papers.

Spurious Drugs

†3500. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are concerned over the increasing number of cases of spurious drugs in the country;

(b) if so, the number of such cases which came to light during the year 2001-2002 in the country as compared to the cases in each of the preceding two years alongwith details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the guidelines issued in this regard earlier by Government to the State Government are not also proving effective; and

(d) if so, the strategy Government are formulating to put a check on such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Government is concerned over the problem of manufacture and sale of spurious drugs. This is clandestine activity indulged in by some unscrupulous and anti-social persons.

Under the provisions of Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 and rules thereunder, State Governments have been empowered to enforce quality of drugs including check on manufacture and sale of spurious drugs. As per the feedback available from the State Licensing Authorities, a Statement indicating State-wise number of cases wherein a big haul of spurious drugs has been unearthed during the period 2000-2001 and 1.4.2001—26.11.2001 detected by them is given (*See* below). Recently Delhi Police in association with Drugs Control Deptt. of Govt. of NCT of Delhi and CDSCO, North Zone in a joint raid carried out in Feb. 2002 have also apprehended 4 persons for manufacturing and trading of spurious drugs. Police seized large haul of fake drugs moving in the inter State commerce in this raid.

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